

# ***Helena Vigilante Runners***

## ***Board Meeting #15***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

***August 15, 2011***

**I. Call to order**

Patrick Judge called to order the fifteenth meeting of the Helena Vigilante Runners at 7:04 pm on August 15, 2011 at 107 W. Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor conference room.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

Patrick Judge, President  
Jeff Thomas, Vice President  
Chris Colberg, Treasurer  
Mike Jacobson, Secretary  
Chris Beskid, Board Member  
Steve Engebrecht, Board Member  
Ann Seifert, Board Member  
Sarah Slanger, Board Member  
Scott Story, Board Member  
Demaris Taylor, Board Member  
Brian Wieck, Board Member  
Alan Wintersteen, Board Member  
Todd Younkin, Board Member

Regrets:

Carolyn Blasch, Board Member  
Mike Fanning, Board Member

**III. Minutes**

Todd Younkin moved for approval of the minutes of the May 23rd, 2011 meeting. Sarah Slanger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Financial Report**

Treasurer Chris Colberg presented financial statements showing \$1,994.04 in the HVR checking account. In general, the organization appears to be in a healthy financial position with net assets of \$1,743.86 and expecting income from the current fundraising drive as well as from the Elkhorn events. Chris will continue to work on a base budget for HVR for board approval. Chris is also planning to provide monthly financial statements to the board via email.

**V. Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee Report**

Chris Colberg, who also serves on the Helena Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee, did not have much new to report and plans to attend the committee meeting on August 16, 2011. He will provide a brief synopsis of the meeting to board members via email.

**VI. Website Report**

Alan continues to work on the website and plans to develop a page for the noon workouts that Pat can easily maintain. Please check it out at: <http://www.vigilanterunning.org/>

**VII. Booth Report**

Several board members spent time manning a booth for HVR at the Governor's Cup packet pickup on June 10th. Samsara Chapman (Sam) provided a very nice poster that is a collage of running pictures from group runs, events and races. Sarah Slanger made a motion to provide Sam with a gift-certificate as reimbursement for the poster. Chris Colberg seconded the motion, after a brief discussion the board approved the purchase of a \$50.00 gift certificate for Sam.

As a note, there are still brochures available that board members can distribute to local health clubs, coffee shop or other places that potential runners may frequent.

**VIII. Elkhorn Endurance Events Recap**

Steve Engebrecht provided a brief summary of the Elkhorn events held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This year was the largest thus far, with 110 participants between the 50K/50M and 48 in the 23K. Utilizing Ultrasignup.com seemed to draw some participants. Sarah Slanger suggested using color-coded race numbers so volunteers can distinguish between participants in the various races. There were 161 registered with several DNS that kept the numbers in line with the Forest Service permit. There was some discussion about the benefits and challenges related to growing this event, these discussions will continue as the HURL group starts preparing for the 2012 events. The board commended Steve, Alan and the HURL group with doing a great job of providing a quality and enjoyable event. Great job guys!

**IX. Augúst Road Race**

This year's event is on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 7:15pm starting from the corner of Head Lane and Country Club. Pat indicated that he has volunteers lined up and ready. Jeff Thomas stated that he had visited with MRL and they will stop trains from 7:00 – 7:30 pm. Tread Lightly has graciously sponsored the port-a-potties and Pastor Don said the church at the finish will be open for rest rooms and water. The Missoulian and IR printed information about the event.

**X. Mount Helena Classic**

The Mount Helena Classic will run on September 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Steve stated that we are in good shape with the up-front work, but are still looking for volunteers. He especially needs someone to help enter paper entries into the database. Steve has decided to self-time this year so there will need to be volunteers to help at the finish line to make sure and record finish order.

There was some discussion on race sponsorship – the Mount Helena Classic receives sponsorship from the dairy in Missoula – which helps the race break even. These discussions led to the next topic.

**XI. Sponsorship and Race Committee**

Chris Colberg suggested that instead of each race director looking for sponsorship for each event, that HVR form a standing race committee. Todd Younkin suggested that the committee include board and non-board members. The committee would provide direction and leadership for each event we produce as well as find sponsors for not only each event but for the "race series". Pat suggested that the board think about standing committees (such as a race committee, a fundraising committee, and/or Carolyn Blasch's suggestion of a committee for the proposed HVR running clinic, etc.) and that we continue the discussion at the next board meeting.

**XII. HVR Sponsorship of High School teams**

The HHS XC team is seeking sponsors for their poster. The proceeds from the August Road Race go to the high school XC teams and the board feels that these funds are enough to have our logo on the poster and do not wish, at this point, to provide additional funds. Word has it that Capital High may participate in force in this year's August Road Race, in which case the proceeds will be split and a similar opportunity (for poster appearance) will be sought.

**XIII. 2011 Fundraising Drive**

At the time of the meeting the 2011 Fundraising Drive collected \$1,270.00 which is 63.5% of the \$2,000.00 goal. The average contribution is ~\$43, with a minimum of \$10 and maximum of \$100.

**XIV. Equipment**

HVR has the opportunity to purchase; 20-5gallon water jugs, 2-cots, a pop-up tent, 4 "Runners on Road" signs and 2 folding tables for \$500. To purchase these items individually the cost would be \$690. They are used, but in very good shape. Sarah provided a motion that HVR purchase the lot for \$500, Steve seconded the motion, after a brief discussion on where to store the equipment - Pat's basement - the board approved purchasing the lot.

Once the equipment is on hand, it will be stored in Pat's basement. The board plans to require a deposit and possible rental fee for non-HVR race directors to use the equipment. Discussions will continue as to how the board will regulate the use of the equipment.

**XV. Other Announcements**

Pat identified several areas where we have made progress as an organization:

- Governor's Cup booth, brochures, volunteering
- 2<sup>nd</sup> L&C Community Foundation Grant
- Letter of support for PPLT to MT FWP
- 2011 Fundraising drive launched
- Board photo taken
- Confirmation of inclusion in the State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign
- Another very successful Elkhorn Endurance weekend

Montana Cup registration is available <http://www.montanacup.com/Info/RunnerInfo/registration.htm>

**XVI. Adjournment**

At 8:16 pm, President Judge adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Mike Jacobson, with Pat Judge assisting.

**Next Meeting Date – November 21, 2011**

**XVII. Addendum: Action Items Between Board Meetings (all via email)**

Friday, August 19 -- Patrick Judge suggested that the board allocate the August Road Race proceeds \$400 to HHS and \$100 to CHS, given that there were only 1-3 CHS runners present. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion, and no one expressed an objection to it.

Friday, October 14 -- Patrick Judge proposed that HVR support the 2011 Montana Cup effort, and included a draft budget envisioning a \$1000 net expenditure to help defray the costs for transportation and associated activities. A vigorous discussion ensued. Pat amended his request to reduce the amount to \$700. The final vote tally (11-1) in favor of the revised motion was reported by Secretary Jacobson on Wednesday, October 19. Mike also summarized the concerns as follows: "Board members feel there

should be more discussion and approval of expenditures, with advance notice. As our by-laws allow these discussions and votes can occur via email, however, several board members would like these discussions to be face-to-face. Maybe we need to have more frequent meetings during race season to help us, as board members, feel that we have a better handle on the overall HVR budget."

Tuesday, October 18 -- HVR Board member and past president Steve Engebrecht tenured his resignation from the board.